

Remarks/Arguments

Claims 1-4, 6-11, 13-24, 26-33 and new claims 37-39 are pending in the present case.

In the Office Action mailed April 19, 2006, the Examiner objected to claims 23, 24 and 25. Additionally, claim 30 stands rejected under U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. The examiner also indicated that claims 6-11, 13, 15-22, 31-34, and 36 were allowable over the art of record.

Applicants have amended the claims which, when considered with the following distinguishing remarks that is believed to place all of the present case in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of all the pending claims is respectfully requested.

Initially, claim 30 has been amended in order to include the definitions of R², R³ and R⁴. The rejection of claim 30 under U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph is therefore believed to be overcome; reconsideration and withdrawal thereof is respectfully requested.

Additionally, claims 15, 23 and 31 have been amended in order to better describe the R¹ substituent, i.e., R¹ has been defined as being alkyl amine alkylene, alkyl amido alkylene, alkyl ether alkylene, or alkyl ester alkylene. Support for this amendment can be found at page 6, lines 8-9 of the present specification. Applicants respectfully submit that this amendment, coupled with the elimination of "alkylamine alkene" twice (which appeared to have been an unfortunate nomenclature error) has rectified the objection to claims 23, 24 and 35. Reconsideration and withdrawal thereof is respectfully requested.

Finally, new claims 37-39 have been added to the present application. These new claims are dependent on claims 15, 23 and 31, respectively, and define the

number of carbon atoms in the alkyl and alkylene groups of R¹, respectively. Support for this amendment can be found at page 6, lines 9-11 of the present specification.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, applicants respectfully submit that all of the pending claims are in condition for allowance, which action is respectfully requested. Reconsideration and withdrawal of all of the rejections of record is respectfully requested, along with the issuance of a Notice of Allowance.

Respectfully submitted,



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